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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed February 6, 2007 in the aboveidentified patent application. A Notice of Appeal is filed concurrently herewith. A petition for a 2-month extension of time and the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2) accompanies this response, making the new response deadline July 6, 2007. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks intended to put this application in condition for allowance. No additional fees are believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in connection with the papers filed herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-0268.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Applicant's Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.